CHAPTER 32:
THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

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YES, WHO IS IT?!
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HI THERE! I'M THE GIRL NEXT DOOR... SORRY TO DISTURB YOU...
I RAN OUT ON SHAMPOO.
COULD YOU LEND ME 5000 YENS TO BUY SOME?!

THANKS A LOT! YOU'RE A LIFE SAVER!
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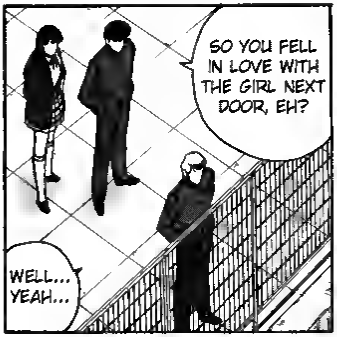
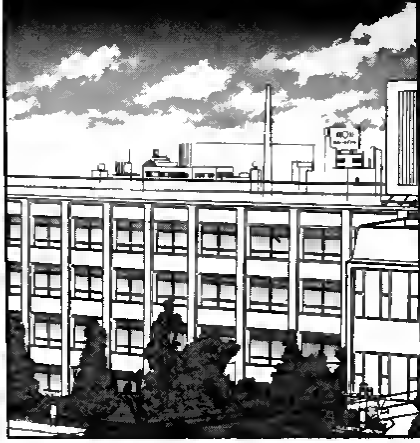
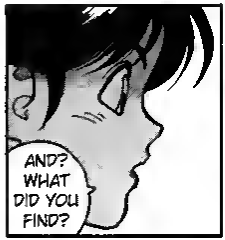

SO YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH THE GIRL NEXT DOOR, EH?
WELL... YEAH...



BUT MAYBE THE POOR GIRL'S SHY AND COULDN'T THINK OF ANOTHER WAY TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER!
SHE CAME TO BORROW MONEY QUITE A FEW TIMES. THAT'S TRICKY.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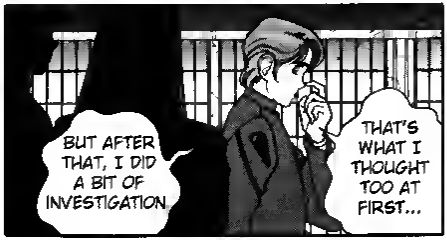
BUT AFTER THAT, I DID A BIT OF INVESTIGATION.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT TOO AT FIRST...

SINCE HER "TAB" WAS GETTING AROUND 30,000 YENS, MY MOM ASKED ME TO GET THEM BACK.
SOMETHING WEIRD CAME UP.
EVER SAW HER. THEY DIDN'T EVEN HEAR FROM ANYONE LIKE THAT LIVING THERE.
NOT A SOUL IN OUR BUILDING ...
THERE'S NO GIRLS THIS AGE HERE..
NO, I LIVE ALONE.
THERE'S MORE... A STORY ABOUT A FAMILY THAT USED THE SAME APPARTMENT WE ARE NOW.. THEY TRIED TO SUICIDE BY BURNING THEMSELVES...
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YOU CALLED US HERE, WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?!

BUT THE FAMILY WAS SAVED!
A GIRL NEXT DOOR DIED...

SO... YOU'RE TELLING ME... THAT YOU SAW HER GHOST?
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

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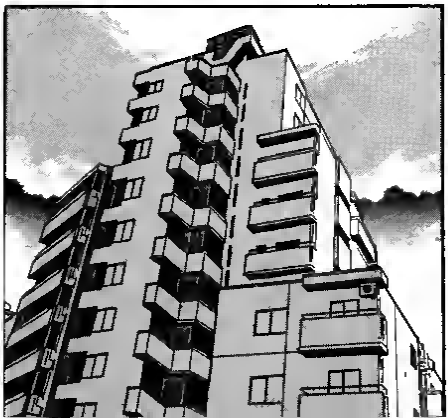
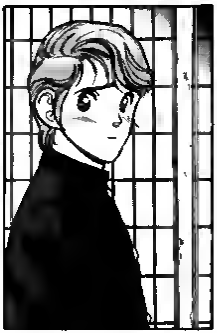
PLEASE KOSUKE... YOU HAVE TO TEACH ME... HOW DO I FLIRT WITH A GHOST?





AS I THOUGHT, THE SUICIDE THING IS ONLY A RUMOR MADE UP BY PEOPLE WITH TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS.
PLUS WHAT KIND OF GHOST SHOWS UP IN DAYLIGHT ANYWAY?
YES... I SEE...
YES, THAT HELPS ME A LOT, THANKS.
SHE "BORROWED" 30,000 YENS SO FAR— SOMETHING WEIRD'S GOING ON...
YES, WHO IS IT?

HI THERE I LIVE NEXT DOOR TO YOU!
REALLY ?!
I JUST RAN OUT OF SHAMPOO!
COULD YOU LEND ME 5,000 YENS SO I CAN BUY SOME?
A GIRL MY AGE IS LIVING NEXT DOOR? WE COULD BE FRIENDS!
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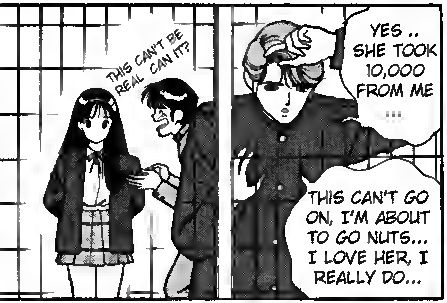
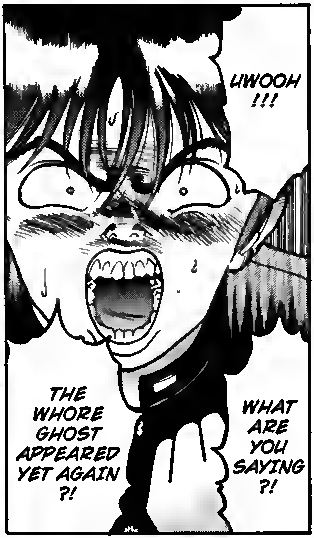
GIVE ME ONE SECOND, LET ME CHECK...

WAIT JUST A SECOND ...


THIS CAN'T BE REAL CAN IT?
YES .. SHE TOOK 10,000 FROM ME ...
THIS CAN'T GO ON, I'M ABOUT TO GO NUTS... I LOVE HER, I REALLY DO...


UWOOH !!!
THE WHORE GHOST APPEARED YET AGAIN ?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?!

YOUR GIRL... DOES SHE WEAR NOTHING BUT PANTIES AND HAVE LONG HAIR?

KOSUKE, CAN I TALK TO YOU?
SO THAT GHOST IS HAUNTING YOU TOO?!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE HER, YES. WHY?
SO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT SHE'S NOT A GHOST ?!
I CALLED THE POLICE AND THEY TOLD ME THAT THERE NEVER WERE ANY SUICIDES IN THAT BUILDING
AND SHE SHOWED UP AT MY PLACE TOO!
SHE NEEDED 5,000 YENS. SOUNDS ANY FAMILIAR?
SORRY I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY LEFT!
COME BACK TOMORROW AND I'LL HELP YOU OUT. OKAY?

CAN YOU COME OVER TO MY PLACE TODAY?
I STILL FEEL UNEASY ABOUT THIS SO YOU TALK TO HER, OKAY?
WELL THANKS, I'LL BE BACK TOMORROW THEN!
REALLY? YOU'D DO THAT FOR ME?
YES, AND?
YOU'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE KOSUKE!
AW MAN, WHAT IF SHE'S REALLY A GHOST?
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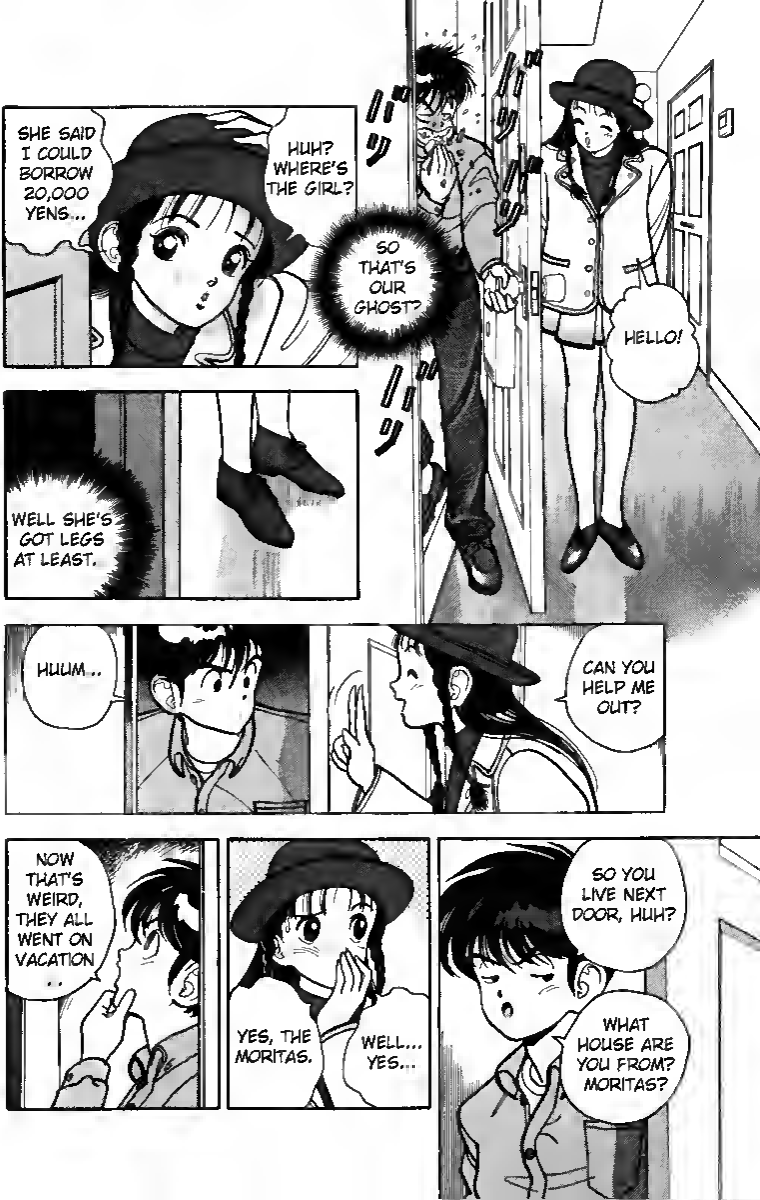
SHE SAID I COULD BORROW 20,000 YENS...
HUH? WHERE'S THE GIRL?
SO THAT'S OUR GHOST?
HELLO!
WELL SHE'S GOT LEGS AT LEAST.
HUUM...
CAN YOU HELP ME OUT?
NOW THAT'S WEIRD, THEY ALL WENT ON VACATION...
YES, THE MORITAS.
WELL... YES...
SO YOU LIVE NEXT DOOR, HUH?
WHAT HOUSE ARE YOU FROM? MORITAS?

YOU GOT CAUGHT RED HANDED!
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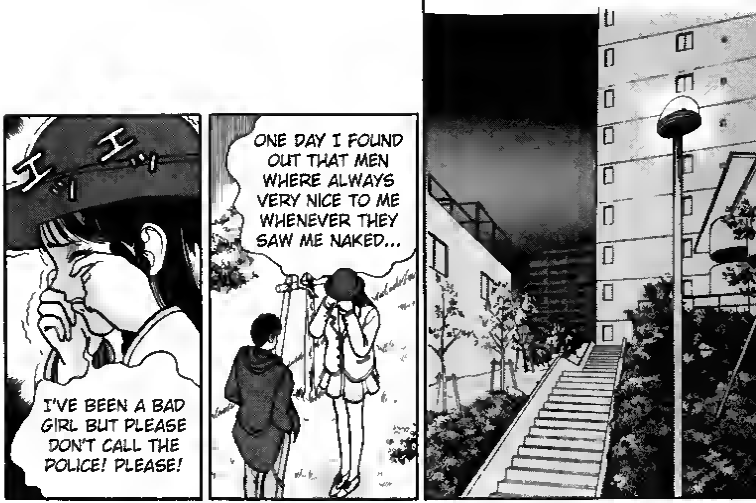
OH NO YOU DON'T!
BYE BYE!
YOU'RE GONNA TELL ME EVERY THING! NOW!
NOOO! LET ME GO!
PEOPLE AT OUR TIME AND AGE DON'T EVEN BOTHER TO TAKE THE TIME AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER... NOT EVEN THEIR OWN NEIGHBOURS!
THAT'S QUITE CONVENIENT FOR LOW LIFE THIEVES LIKE YOU, ISN'T IT? I BET YOU NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF PAYING BACK WHAT YOU "BORROWED"!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I'VE BEEN A BAD GIRL BUT PLEASE DON'T CALL THE POLICE! PLEASE!
ONE DAY I FOUND OUT THAT MEN WHERE ALWAYS VERY NICE TO ME WHENEVER THEY SAW ME NAKED...

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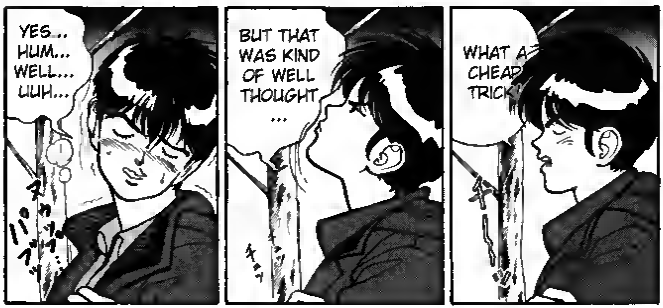
THOSE ARE OBVIOUSLY FAKED TEARS!
CUT IT OUT!


YES... HUM... WELL... UUH...
BUT THAT WAS KIND OF WELL THOUGHT ...
WHAT A CHEAP TRICK

I'LL SUCK YOU OFF... BUT PLEASE DON'T CALL THE POLICE!
BUT! BUT! WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU DOIIIING?!
OOH! SHE'S GOOD!
YOU SAY NO BUT THIS BIG GUY'S ALL FOR IT!
JUST RELAX, IT'LL FEEL GOOD!
NOW... PLEASE GO IN ALL THE WAY!

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OOH...
FUCK NO! NO WAY!
YOU CAN STILL GIVE BACK THE MONEY...
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE HEART THAT YOU STOLE? HUH?!
SORRY? I DON'T GET IT. WHAT HEART?

IT'S DECIDED!
THIS TIME I'LL HAVE TO ASK HER OUT!
YEAH... I'M GONNA GO FOR IT!
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YES?
HELLO! IT'S ME AGAIN!
SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING BUT HERE'S WHAT I OWE YOU!

OH! THAT'S KIND OF YOU!
...
HUM, SAY...
CAN I ASK YOU FOR ONE MORE THING?
HUH?!
HUM, THANKS. HUM...
COULD YOU LET ME "BORROW" A BIT OF YOUR TIME? LIKE NEXT SUNDAY? WE COULD GO SOMEWHERE AND SPEND THE DAY TOGETHER...
OF COURSE! WE'LL DO THAT! WOULD YA BELIEVE IT?!
SO SHE LIKED HIM TOO?!
YEAH, SHE HAD A CRUSH ON HIM FOR A WHILE NOW.